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SUBJECT: ECONADS:CSCE BASKET II

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1. AT MAY 5 ECONADS MEETING COMMITTEE AGREED THAT
IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE TO REQUIRE FURTHER AMENDMENT
OF C-M(77)30 (REVISED), NATO REPORT ON THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF FINAL ACT, A REFERENCE DOCUMENT
FOR MAY 12 NATOMIN DISCUSSION OF CSCE, TO TAKE ACCOUNT
OF ECE RESOLUTION DEALING, INTER ALIA, WITH BREZHNEV
PROPOSALS (REF D). INSTEAD CHAIRMAN BILLY WILL
PROPOSE TO POLADS CHAIRMAN THAT LATTER'S COVER NOTE
FOR THE DOCUMENT IN FIANL FORM CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING
PARAGRAPH:

BEGIN TEXT: SINCE PARAGRAPHS 18 AND 19 OF THIS REPORT
WERE DRAFTED, THE 32ND PLENARY SESSION OF THE
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U.N. ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE HAS ADOPTED
A RESOLUTION RELEVANT TO THE BREZHNEV PROPOSALS
FOR THE HOLDING OF ALL-EUROPEAN CONGRESSES IN THE FIELDS
OF ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT AND ENERGY. IT WAS AGREED
THAT THE COMMISSION, AT ITS 33RD PLENARY SESSION IN
1978, WILL CONSIDER CONSTRUCTIVELY, UNDER CERTAIN
CRITERIA AND IN THE LIGHT OF REPORTS TO BE SUBMITTED

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BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, THE HOLDING WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ECE OF A HIGH LEVEL MEETING OF THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT. ON TRANSPORT AND ENERGY, THE RESOLUTION MERELY CALLS FOR THE CIRCULATION OF VIEWS WHICH MEMBER GOVERNMENTS MAY WISH TO COMMUNICATE. END TEXT.

2. WORDS "...UNDER CERTAIN CRITERIA AND..." DID NOT APPEAR IN ORIGINAL DIRECTORATE PROPOSAL BUT WERE INSERTED AT OUR BEHEST TO COMPLY WITH SENSE OF REF C. UK REP INDICATED THIS WOULD ALSO BE IN ACCORD WITH EC-9 VIEW.
3. BILLY RECALLED THAT BASKET II EXPERTS HAD SUBSTANTIALLY AGREED MARCH 21 THAT A FURTHER MEETING TO DISCUSS PREPARATIONS FOR BELGRADE IN LIGHT OF 32ND ECE SESSION WAS DESIRABLE (PARA 15, USNATO 1669). HE SUGGESTED THAT MAY 31 OR JUNE 2 MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE DATES FOR SUCH A MEETING SINCE ANYTHING LATER WOULD BE TOO CLOSE TO OPENING OF BELGRADE PREPARATORY SESSION AND ASKED THE ECONADS TO SOLICIT THE VIEWS OF THEIR EXPERTS.

4. CANADIAN REP (MCNAB) ACKNOWLEDGED THAT A FURTHER MEETING HAD BEEN FORESEEN BY MARCH 21 CONFEREES BUT SAID HIS AUTHORITIES FELT THE DIRECTORATE'S SUBSEQUENT THEMATIC PAPER (ED/EC/77/33) WAS SO WELL DONE THAT IT SEEMED TO OBVIATE THE NEED FOR ANOTHER GATHERING OF EXPERTS.
5. DUTCH REP (APPARENTLY STILL DISTRESSED BY UNSATIS-
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FACTORY PREPARATION AND DISCUSSION AT MARCH 22 REINFORCED ECONADS MEETING ON EAST-WEST TRADE AND TECHNOLOGY FLOWS - USNATO 2257(NOTAL) SAID A MEETING SHOULD BE HELD ONLY IF IT WERE NEEDED AND THE EXPERTS HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY. WE UNDERTOOK TO SOLICIT WASHINGTON VIEWS BUT POINTED OUT THAT A LATER MEETING, PERHAPS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PROPOSED REINFORCED NAC MEETING ON CSCE SUGGESTED BY THE UK PERMREP (USNATO 2697 (NOTAL) PROVE OF MORE UTILITY FOR BELGRADE REVIEW SESSION IN THE FALL RATHER THAN A MEETING PRIOR TO THE JUNE PREPARATORY MEETING.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE ON UTILITY AND TIMING OF FURTHER REINFORCED ECONADS MEETING OF CSCE BASKET II EXPERTS. BENNETT

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